

# Many Virginia Towns Join In Greeting to Next President

## WILSON RETURNS TO HIS OLD HOME

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far and wide native children of Staunton had come to greet their fellow townsman.

Except for an informal visit a year ago, Mr. Wilson had not been here since he was three years old.

Staunton was not alone in celebrating the arrival in Virginia of the distinguished visitor. Towns along the way, fireworks shot across the skies, and red lights threw a festive glare at all stations along the route, though the train glided by most of them without stopping.

Mrs. Wilson stood with her husband on the rear platform of the train and enjoyed the demonstrations, too.

"This is the real President-elect," said Mr. Wilson, as he introduced her to the crowd at Alexandria. A great cheer followed. Senator Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, Representative Charles C. Carlin and William A. Jones, of this State, got aboard at Alexandria.

Mr. Wilson was unable to speak at any of the stops en route, his physician having forbidden unnecessary exposure. Senator Swanson explained this to the crowd at Culpeper, and Governor Wilson raised his hat in acknowledgment of their cheers.

"But your hat on?" cautioned one aged Virginian on the fringe of the crowd.

"Thank you very much," laughed the Governor as he took the advice and leaned forward instead to shake hands with the crowd.

How does it feel to be back in Virginia? and let me just touch the tips of your fingers." "Hello, Woodrow," and a series of salutations were directed at the President-elect as he bent over the platform of the train and endeavored to greet as many of the crowd as he could.

Crowds Are Good Natured.

The Governor did not respond to any of the many cries for a speech. The crowds were good natured, and did not insist.

"I must say they are very generous in taking the thing as they do," he said to National Chairman William F. McCombs, who stood beside him on the platform.

It was at Manassas that the first of the series of bonfires along the route cracked a welcome. The Governor greeted from his state room at the train along the way.

Is this the Fourth of July? he queried, as cannon roared and sky-rockets gleamed at Orange. Another display of fireworks came at Gordonsville, but the loudest crowd of all pressed around the train at Charlottesville, where Governor and Mrs. Mann and a delegation from Richmond joined the party.

Mr. Wilson again reached down into the crowd and shook hands.

Harry M. Smith, Jr., and Speaker N. H. Byrd, of the House of Delegates, two of them classmates of Governor Wilson at the University of Virginia Law School, greeted the President-elect here. He thanked them warmly for their efforts in his behalf in the presidential campaign.

Joseph B. Willard, formerly lieutenant-governor of Virginia, had his private car attached at Charlottesville, and the party of former Virginians was increased to nearly 100 by the time it arrived at Staunton.

AN "OUTLAW" TO THE LAST.

Untamable Cow Pony Meets Death Trying to Escapade.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 27.—An "outlaw" in the last, Gray Eagle, notorious as an untamable cow pony and victor over many during "broncho busting" met death yesterday in his efforts to upset Arthur Schertz, an eighteen-year-old jockey. The horse slipped and fell during the furious battle for mastery and landed on his brains against a stone curb. Schertz sustained a fractured skull in the fall. Gray Eagle had been a mainstay of "Wild West" and moving picture shows for years, and there is no record of his having ever been mastered by a rider.

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Much to the disappointment of those present, Mr. Wilson did not make any speech. His train only remained four minutes at the station. Representative Carlin made a brief speech to the crowd from the car platform, in which he stated that Mr. Wilson would be unable to address them, but had consented to bow his acknowledgment and his appreciation. With this brief introduction Mr. Wilson doffed his hat and then removed his glove and shook the hands of all who came forward until the train departed.

Mrs. Wilson also appeared and attracted much attention. Referring to her, Mr. Carlin said: "I want to present the real President of the United States." Mrs. Wilson appeared on the platform and smilingly bowed to the assembled crowd.

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## WILSON INDORSES JONES'S MEASURE

President-Elect Favors Independence for Philippines After Next Year.

Staunton, Va., December 27.—President-elect Wilson favors a provisional government for the Philippines for eight years, and independence thereafter, according to Representative William A. Jones, of Virginia, Chairman of the House Insular Affairs Committee, who discussed the Philippine situation with him on the train to-day.

The President-elect announced merely that he had talked with Mr. Jones "about the general situation in the Philippines." Asked particularly if he had talked about the bill being passed by Representative Jones in Congress, proposing a provisional government for eight years and independence afterwards, Mr. Wilson replied: "Oh, we talked about that at Seneca last summer." Representative Jones, however, had no hesitancy in saying that Governor Wilson already had heartily endorsed the pending bill.

"We really don't expect the measure to pass this Congress," said Mr. Jones, "but it surely will go through in the extra session and will be one of the first pledges of the Democratic national platform to be carried out."

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It Will Be New Experience for Mrs. Wilson and Her Daughters.

Washington, December 27.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her daughters are looking forward to the inauguration on March 4 with more than usual anticipation, for none of them ever have seen a President of the United States inducted into office. The fact developed through a letter from Mrs. Wilson to the Southern League of Women's National Wilson and Marshall organizations asking that the new mistress of the White House receive the members after the inaugural ceremonies. Mrs. Wilson's reply follows:

"Your letter has just reached me here, and I hasten to say that while I feel quite that it can be arranged for the ladies of the Southern League to be received after the inaugural ceremonies, I myself am too ignorant in the matter to say any more on my own authority, as I have never seen an inauguration and know nothing of the program."

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Senator Claude A. Swanson, Henry C. Stuart and Congressman C. C. Carlin were also with the Wilson party from Washington. Congressman H. D. Flood is on the reception committee. President William H. White, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, brought a party from Richmond on his private car. His guests are Governor and Mrs. William Hodges Mann, Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellison, Arthur Glasgow, of Richmond, and London, John K. Branch, of Richmond, and Robert L. Parikh, of Covington. Guests of Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard on his private car "Ranger" are as follows: Richard Evelyn Byrd, I. Tate Irvine, John Garland Pollard, Charles V. Meredith, John Stewart Bryan, A. J. Montague, R. Lynch Montague, Harry M. Smith, Jr. and Alexander Forward.

Has Good Memory.

Governor Wilson has a good memory. He recalls his friends. He remembered very well, he said, the work done for him by Captain Willard, Speaker Byrd and Mr. Smith. "They are all good fellows," he commented.

Many a cord of wood has gone up in smoke in Virginia to-night. A good many cords were observed from the Wilson train. After darkness came on they were pretty nearly continuous. Red fire in abundance was purchased by the people of Charlottesville, and hundreds of people there succeeded in shaking hands with Governor Wilson.

No more steps were made until Staunton was reached, but the people were out anyway. A hand was wasted at one point, for it had no chance.

At Crozet the Governor's salute of seventeen guns was fired with dynamite. Russell Bingham, of that place, boarded the train at Charlottesville and told about the dynamite, not guaranteeing that it would not be exploded under the train. But the story did not develop to the disappointment of the newspaper representatives. Greenwood, Afton, Basic City, Waynesboro and Fishersville had some people out and some fires going and emitted some yells.

Of course there are people here with memories of the kind always produced on such occasions. Lieutenant-Governor Ellison doubts if there is another person who ever before heard a President speak in Staunton. He heard Franklin Pierce address an audience in 1855, fifty-eight years ago. Inquiry here to-night from fifteen women produced the unanimous report that they could not remember the occasion; it was too far away.

It should not be forgotten, for the fame of Staunton does not rest alone upon Woodrow Wilson. In the same way, the birth of the birth of the distinguished citizen who is here to-night another noted Virginian was born on the opposite side of the same street in this city. He is no other than State Senator Arthur C. Harman, now one of the representatives from Richmond in the Legislature. He is also here for the occasion, and the honor is almost too great for Staunton to bear.

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He Asks That His Inauguration Be Made as Simple as Possible.

Washington, December 27.—Inauguration ceremonies in the past have been too spectacular and pretentious, in the opinion of President-Elect Woodrow Wilson, who wants his inauguration to be as simple as possible. While the President-elect was here for a few minutes to-day, en route to Staunton, he talked with William Corcoran Eustis, recently chosen chairman of the inauguration committee.

"The thing has been overdone in the past," he said. "I wish you would have the ceremonies as simple as may be consistent with dignity and order."

The President-elect to-day had his first glimpse of the national capital after his election. As he stepped from the platform he was greeted by Senators Martine, of New Jersey, and Swanson, of Virginia, and Representatives Jones and Carlin, of Virginia; Chairman Eustis and Secretary Vek, of the inaugural committee, and others.

Governor Wilson shook hands heartily with those introduced to him, and talked a few minutes with Mr. Eustis, referring briefly to the inaugural plans. Then he stepped into the car and the informal reception continued as the train was switched from the Pennsylvania tracks to the waiting Chesapeake and Ohio train.

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